Statement

Number of Tickets issued during the last three years

Months	Year		
	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
April	-	-	2
May	-	1	5
June	-	-	6
July	1	-	-
August	1	-	-
September	-	12	-
October	-	-	-
November	1	2	1
December	-	4	1
January	-	4	6
February	-	-	1
March	1	-	-
TOTAL	4	23	22

Purchase of new helicopters

†14. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas including North-Eastern Region of the country being provided with the helicopter services;

(b) whether it is a fact that the helicopters being used for ferrying passengers in Lakshadweep from Cochin to Agati, Agati to Bangaram and Bangaram to Kawarati happens to be more than 15 years old;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to replace the old helicopters and procure the new ones?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Scheduled helicopter services are not being operated by any helicopter operator in any part of the country, including the North-Eastern Region. However, Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL), Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is providing helicopter services on charter basis in the State Governments/Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Tripura, Punjab and Lakshadweep. PHHL is also providing helicopter services to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Hardy Oil, Oil India, Gas Authority of India Limited, National Hydro Power Corporation as well as Ministry of Home Affairs. The Government has approved recently a proposal of resumption of helicopter services in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There is no fixed life span of a helicopter as long as it is maintained in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the manufacturer. The helicopter deployed in Lakshadweep is being maintained as per these requirements.

(d) PHHL has a plan to acquire ten medium capacity helicopters for replacement of its fleet during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Two AS365N3 Dauphin helicopters have been acquired by PHHL recently.

Upgradation of ILS at IGIA

15. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Instrument Landing System (ILS) Cat-III(A) installed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport is not capable of blind landings and a large number of flights had to be delayed for long daily in the recent foggy conditions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the available ILS facility is not being used to its optimum level due to lack of adequate training to pilots and the recurring communication snags between the control tower and the outer marker; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to upgrade the Landing System and also for better training of pilots for landings even in poor visibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. the Instrument